

REMARKS

Claim 7 is pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claim 7 has been amended in the foregoing amendments.

Claim 7 Is Not Anticipated by *Fairbanks*

The Examiner rejected Claim 7 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,529,340 to Fairbanks ("*Fairbanks*"). The Applicants traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Amended Claim 7 requires that the volume of the lower bag portion (3) is greater than the volume of the upper bag portion (4).

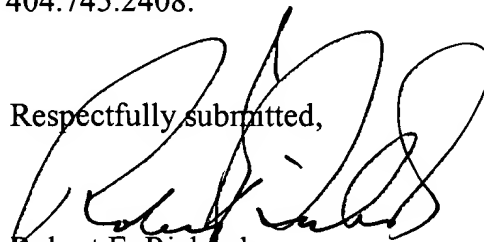
In contrast, *Fairbanks* discloses an air bag formed from a single pattern piece cut from flat sheet material as shown in Fig. 7. In *Fairbanks*, both side of the sheet which form a lower bag portion and an upper bag portion are symmetrical. Thus, the volume of the lower bag portion and the volume of the upper bag portion fabricated from the sheet would be the same. Thus, *Fairbanks* fails to disclose that the volume of the lower bag portion is greater than the volume of the upper bag portion, as required by Claim 7.

Accordingly, Claim 7 is not anticipated by *Fairbanks*.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicant solicits a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.745.2408.

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